



# Holy Cross Parish

## Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, Registered Charity No. 213227

**Parish Church:** *Our Lady Star of the Sea*, Runnacleave Road, Ilfracombe, North Devon, EX34 8AQ

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**Parish Clergy:** Rev Philip Waites & Rev Stephen Bearman (Deacons)

**Convent Church:** *The Most Holy Saviour*, Lee Road, Lynton, EX35 6BS

**Chaplain to the Nuns:** Fr Guy de Gaynesford

**Parish Safeguarding Rep:**

**Parish Secretary:** Mary Hammill

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### DAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> February

**ILFRACOMBE - 9:00am Mass**

(FM): Percival Savage RIP & Mary Savage RIP

**LYNTON - 11:30am Mass**

The People of the Parish

I came not  
to Abolish  
the LAW

but to  
**F**ulfill  
the LAW  
Matthew 5:17

Knowing-Jesus.com

## SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A, Psalter 2

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Rel (1245-1310) Optional Memorial**

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION for Vocations 6:00-7.00pm**

**LENT BEGINS** – Psalter 4 (Wed-Sat)

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

**ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fast and Abstinence**

**ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am** Intention: Isabella Kenedy

***Followed by the Rosary***

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Foundation Mass: Mary Newell RIP Celebrated in Lynton

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

**World Day of Prayer**

Foundation Mass: Michael Andrews Intentions Celebrated in Lynton

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

**ILFRACOMBE - 12noon STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by Lent Lunch**

**St Peter Damian Bp Dr (1007-1072) Commemoration**

**Patron of Nurses, the Sick, Heart Patients, Printers and Booksellers**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**ILFRACOMBE - 9:00am Mass**

Geoffrey Geraghty and The Geraghty Family

**LYNTON - 11:30am Mass**

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**THE MOST HOLY SAVIOUR, LEE ROAD, LYNTON:**

For weekday Mass times visit [www.marymorningstar.co.uk](http://www.marymorningstar.co.uk) OR ring 01598 753373 or 07783 150328

### CONFESSIONS:

Lynton - Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, before 11:45am Mass

Barnstaple – Saturdays 10:30am, after 10:00am Mass

Ilfracombe - Sundays 8:15-8:45am, before 9:00am Mass

**Opening times for Our Lady Star of the Sea Church:**

Sun. 9:00am-5:00pm; Mon. **CLOSED**;

Tues. 9:30am-12.30pm & 6:00-7.00pm;

Wed. 9:30am-5.00pm; Thurs. & Fri. 9:30am-12.30pm;

***These times may be subject to change at short notice.***

**The Pope's Intentions for February 2026: For children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Please pray for the sick and housebound:** Pat May, Harley Stratton, Geoff Fenning, Marion Wilson, Noreen Farrar, Hazel Villiers, Barbara Chelsom, Rory & Anne Stewart, Landa Peace and Isabella Kenedy. *If you or someone you know is in hospital or ill at home, please let Deacon Steve or the office know for the Sacramental Ministry.*

**Prayer for Lent:**

Heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my prayer  
during the holy season of Lent.  
Help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.  
Grant me grace to deepen my faith  
and be zealous in good works.  
Open my heart to your love;  
nourish me with your word of life  
and make me one with you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
(Catholic online)



**Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea**

The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by Barbara Chelsom in memory of John Chelsom RIP. If you are able, please sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp. There are envelopes at the back of Church for the details of who you wish to have the lamp sponsored for and your donation.



**Ms Philomena Dolores Leadbitter/Connery RIP** - It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Ms Philomena Dolores Leadbitter/Connery who passed away on Saturday, 31 January 2026.

**UNBOUND Prayer Ministry** is available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, there are ministers trained to help you. Please contact [unboundprayerdrop@gmail.com](mailto:unboundprayerdrop@gmail.com) or see the poster displayed on the noticeboard for more information.

**DO YOU LOVE KNITTING?** – Over recent years, parishioners from parishes have knitted blankets, hats, cardigans, booties, mittens and teddy bears. Thanks to these knitters, many bundles of garments have been posted to families applying for Essential Grants as they don't have funds to pay for essentials for their babies such as cots and mattresses, single and double pushchairs, baby monitors, baby clothes, travel systems, high chairs, car seats, sterilisers, electric breast pumps, changing bags and bottles, nappies and wipes. We've received wonderful feedback from parents. If you enjoy knitting and would like to help families of all faiths and none, contact our Essential Grants Manager on 01364 645424/email [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk) These Easter chicks look pretty cute too.

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.prima.co.uk%2fcraft%2fknitting-patterns%2fa63538723%2feaster-chick-knitting-pattern%2f&c=E,1, LouvG9IldQ3UOXOTP2jAEYcf0ENFBULT0wGXfntIRDxf4CTniVGFQB9BZs4ZiZwT2vKj7V-4GoYHvTxb3X8U80QsiGqxYyL8PR7vuTi1tUVQuR8DY,&typo=1>



You are invited to join the **Lent 2026 Bible Studies**, a **FREE**, six-week journey presented **LIVE ONLINE** by Mauro Iannicelli of Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries.

**INFO & REGISTRATION:** [comeandsee.org/lent26](http://comeandsee.org/lent26) **STARTS:** Tues 17th February @7pm-8.15pm UK Time  
**6 Tuesday Sessions:**

Tues 17 Feb | Tues 24 Feb | Tues 03 Mar | Tues 10 Mar | Tues 17 Mar | Tus 24 Mar

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS & FRUGAL LENT LUNCHES**

Fridays in Lent (20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February; 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> March)  
at 12noon followed by Frugal Lent Lunches at 12:30pm.



**Frugal Lent Lunches, all proceeds to CAFOD:** Fridays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February;  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March after Stations of the Cross; if you are able to provide the lunch/help with  
the preparation please put your name on the list at the back of Church, thank you.

The next **Children's Adoration** at the **Most Holy Saviour Church, Lee Road, Lynton**,  
will be **Saturday, 21st February 2026**, at **10.30am - 11.30am**.  
Any children from 3 years old are welcome, even if they don't come regularly to Mass.  
Why not encourage your children to invite their school friends?

## **Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission - 21 February 2026 - 11am-4pm**

**Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre - A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson**

This event is now fully booked. For those wishing to go on the waiting list please email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Towards a synodal church – Conversations in the Spirit Workshop - Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**at Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, EX1 2QJ**  
**9:30am tea and coffee for a 10:00am start, 3:30pm finish.** All parishioners from across the diocese are  
welcome to attend. Please email [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) to confirm your attendance. A contribution  
of just £10 per person is requested to cover costs - pay on the day. Please bring a packed lunch!

**World Day of Prayer: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – unfortunately, this will not be  
taking place in Ilfracombe this year but will be taking place in **St Peter ad Vincula,**  
**Combe Martin, EX34 0LG, at 10.30am.** This year Nigeria is the organising country  
with the theme “I will give you rest, come” (taken from Matthew 11:28-30).  
Parking is available.

## **Inspire, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Buckfast Abbey from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm**

Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire. This is a festival of musicians,  
speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on  
the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are **£30 pp**. Under 18's  
must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday, 2 May 2026 at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester**

From 10am–6pm finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Book at [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)  
Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages!

## **DATES FOR RETREATS IN THE PLYMOUTH DIOCESE:**

**LENT RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE**

**“THE SACRAMENT OF LIBERATION”** Further information at [www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1](http://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1)

**LITERATURE AND FAITH RETREAT TAKING PLACE ON 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026 AT BUCKFAST ABBEY**

Further information can be found at [www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats)

**LOCAL CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS** IN APRIL & AUGUST & ONLINE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER – see noticeboard.

**PRAYER RETREAT TAKING PLACE ON 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026 AT BUCKFAST ABBEY**

Further information can be found at [www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats)

**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP SILENT AND INDIVIDUALLY**

**GUIDED RETREATS FOR LENT AND SUMMER 2026** – see noticeboard.

**Offerings:** January 2026 (5 weeks) - £1,421.51; Pax Christi Collection £94.70

*Thank you for your continued support.*